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REF: BRUSSELS 9566

1. DANISH PERMREP GUNNAR RIBERHOLDT HAS CONFIRMED TO ME THAT DISCUSSION OF MTN AT JUNE 6 COUNCIL MEETING WILL NOT RPT NOT BE DECISION-ORIENTED. EARLIEST THE COUNCIL MIGHT CONSIDER CHANGING COMMISSION GUIDANCE IS AT ITS JUNE 27 MEETING.

2. MENTIONING PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE HAD RECENTLY WITH COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT WILLY HAFERKAMP, RIBERHOLDT QUOTED HAFERKAMP AS SAYING THAT TARIFF CUT A FEW POINTS UP OR A FEW POINTS DOWN WAS UNIMPORTANT. WHAT MATTERED, HAFERKAMP ALLEGEDLY SAID, WAS THAT AT END OF NEGOTIATION
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ALL MAJOR TRADING POWERS ARE COMMITTED TO FOLLOW SAME RULES INCLUDING TREATMENT OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES. RIBERHOLDT THOUGHT HAFERKAMP HAD PARTICULARLY IN MIND LACK OF INJURY REQUIREMENT IN US COUNTERVAILING STATUTE. I SAID NOTHING BUT HAFERKAMP'S POINT MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE OUR SECTION 22 WAIVER.

3. RIBERHOLDT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET MORE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN GATT GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE THAN EC HAD OBTAINED INTERNALLY AFTER YEARS OF EFFORT. ON OTHER HAND, HE SAID NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES INCLUDING DANES SHARED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT STATE AIDS AND OTHER DOMESTIC SUBSIDIES. HE THEREFORE THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH THIS ONE AND THAT THERE WAS REASONABLE CHANCE OF SOME MODEST SUCCESS. HINTON

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